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1. RESIDENCE LINENS-RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS REFTEL

A. TEA NAPKINS: 108 GOOD QUALITY TEA NAPKINS IN ASSORTED COLORS, 96 ORGANDY MATERIAL, 12 LINEN. THE MOST PREDOMINANT COLOR IS WHITE ORGANDY WITH GOLD DAMASCENE EMBROIDERY (QUANTITY 60).

B. WHITE DINNER NAPKINS: 47 LARGE WHITE LINEN NAPKINS WITH EAGLE DESIGN. POOR CONDITION (HAVE WORN THROUGH IN PLACES). PURCHASED MORE THAN 15 YEARS AGO.
7 LARGE WHITE LINEN DINNER NAPKINS WITH ACORN DESIGN, SAME CONDITION AS EAGLE. 49 19"X19". WHITE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH NAPKINS. FAIR QUALITY BUT GOOD CONDITION, RECENTLY PURCHASED BY MRS. MURPHY FROM DENMARK.

NOT AWARE OF ANY PLACE THAT LINE NAPKINS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE. RECOMMEND PURCHASE IN U.S. PLEASE ADVISE COST ESTIMATE.

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C. PILLOWS: 28 PILLOWS (26 FEATHER, 2 FOAM RUBBER).
FOAM RUBBER PILLOWS ARE DISINTEGRATING. APPARENTLY ALL PILLOWS PURCHASED PRIOR TO 1967; IN USABLE NOT GOOD CONDITION.
ONLY 6 PILLOWS HAVE PILLOW PROTECTORS SO ADDITIONAL ONES MIGHT BE DESIRED.

D. BLANKETS: 32 BLANKETS IN GOOD CONDITION ALTHOUGH

SOME HAVE STAINS. (20 HEAVY WINTER BLANKETS, 6 LIGHT WEIGHT SPRING BLANKETS HAVE NEW SATIN, AND 6 SUMMER BLANKETS).

E. BEDSPREADS: 4 GOLD SINGLE QUILTED BEDSPREADS, 2. LIGHT BLUE QUILTED SINGLES, 4 OFF-WHITE, 1 YELLOW AND 1 DARK BLUE. GOOD CONDITION.

F. MATTRESS PADS: 13 SINGLE BED MATTRESS PADS, 10 IN GOOD CONDITION.

G. SHEETS: 24 SINGLE BED WHITE SHEETS (4 SHEETS NOT USABLE FOR BED, USED FOR TABLE COVER FOR COCKTAILS) 22 WHITE PILLOW CASES (12 GOOD QUALITY, 10 FAIR QUALITY).

2. ELECTRIC SWITCHES.

A. DINING ROOM CHANDELIER IS ON ONE SWITCH.
DIMMER ALREADY INSTALLED. RECESSED LIGHTS IN CEILING
ON TWO SWITCHES.

B. CHANDELIER IN MAIN SALON CONTROLLED BY TWO SWITCHES: NEITHER CURRENTLY ON DIMMER. NO RECESSED LIGHTING. POST HAS SEVERAL DIMMER SWITCHES ON HAND. SHOULD IMMER SWITCHES BE INSTALLED? WOULD ONE DIMMER UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR ENTIRE CHANDELIER BE PREFERRED?

3. AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH ANY PROPOSAL FOR BATHROOM OF OF THIRD GUEST ROOM AND NO ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN GIVEN FBO TO BEST OF KNOWLEDGE. UNDERSTAND AT ONE TIME (PRE-1967) FBO CONSIDERED SUCH A PROPOSAL BUT NOTHING FURTHER APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE. HAVE EXAMINED GUEST ROOM AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ONLY SPACE AVAILABLE FOR BATHROOM WOULD BE ON CURRENT VERANDA. PUTTING BATHROOM INSIDE EXISTING STRUCTURE WOULD TAKE SPACE OUT OF EXISTING ROOM WHICH WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE DESIRABLE. UNDERSTAND ROOM HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN USED AS STUDY FOR COM. FURTHER COMPLICATION IN CONSTRUCTING BATHROOM WOULD BE APPARENT LACK OF ANY PLUMBING IN THIS SECTION OF HOUSE. IS ESTIMATE DESIRED OR WOULD AMB PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL?

4. CURRENT OBLONG TABLE IN KITCHEN IS .6 METERS BY
2.4 METERS. BELIEVE EXISTING TOP COULD BE REMOVED
FROM METAL BASE AND NEW TOP INSTALLED, HOWEVER, RECENT
RASH OF FIRES AT DAMASCUS LUMBER FACILITIES HAS MADE
SUITABLE LUMBER QUITE SCARCE. MAY BE NECESSARY TO PRO-

CURE SUITABLE WOODEN CUTTING BOARD TOP FROM STATES OR
FACE DELAY. SOURCE OF WOOD FOR TOP STILL BEING INVESTIGATED.
WILL ADVISE.
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